



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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All Department/District Heads

At its meeting held November 15, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Antonovich:

“On January 10, 1995, the Board approved a Clean Fuels Program with the goal of transitioning as many County owned vehicles to clean fuels as possible within the limits of service delivery requirements and departments’ financial resources.

“At that time, alternative fuel vehicles were limited to methanol, ethanol, propane, and natural gas. During the last couple of years new hybrid technology has emerged which allows the combination of a gasoline or diesel engine with an electric motor to power a vehicle. Among the many benefits of this technology are: improved fuel mileage, lower exhaust emissions, reduced noise pollution, improved performance, unrestricted driving range, and no special requirements for refueling.

“While the cost of hybrid vehicles may slightly exceed their gasoline counterparts, they can save money when the total cost of ownership is considered. Independent research conducted by the United States Department of Energy’s National Renewable Energy Laboratory reveals that the 5-year cumulative total cost of ownership for a hybrid vehicle sedan is almost \$8,000 lower than the total cost of a traditional gas powered vehicle. There are several moderately priced hybrid passenger sedans currently on the market and vehicle manufacturers have announced more models will be available in 2006 and 2007.

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“Although, due to demand issues in this industry, there is a delay in acquiring hybrids versus traditionally powered vehicles, this can be overcome through greater standardization and planning to enable the ordering of vehicles in advance.”

Dave Lambertson, Director, and Randy Martin, Fleet Manager, Department of Internal Services, addressed the Board.

After discussion, Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Antonovich made a recommendation that the Board take the following actions:

1. Order the modification of the current County Clean Fuels Policy to ensure that hybrid vehicles become the standard for new nonemergency passenger sedans acquired to conduct routine County business;
2. Direct all Department/District Heads to, whenever feasible, acquire hybrid passenger sedans as they replace the gasoline powered passenger sedans, beginning no later than July 1, 2006; and
3. Instruct the Director of Internal Services to submit a revised Clean Fuels Program policy, including a report on costs, to the Audit Committee for review and approval.

Supervisor Knabe made a suggestion that Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Antonovich's recommendation No. 2 be amended to read as follows:

2. Direct all Department/District Heads to, whenever practical and economically feasible, acquire hybrid passenger sedans as they replace the gasoline powered passenger sedans, beginning no later than July 1, 2006; and

Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Antonovich accepted Supervisor Knabe's amendment.

On motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Ordered the modification of the current County Clean Fuels Policy to ensure that hybrid vehicles become the standard for new nonemergency passenger sedans acquired to conduct routine County business;

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2. Directed all Department/District Heads to, whenever practical and economically feasible, acquire hybrid passenger sedans as they replace the gasoline powered passenger sedans, beginning no later than July 1, 2006; and
3. Instructed the Director of Internal Services to submit a revised Clean Fuels Program policy, including a report on costs, to the Audit Committee for review and approval.

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